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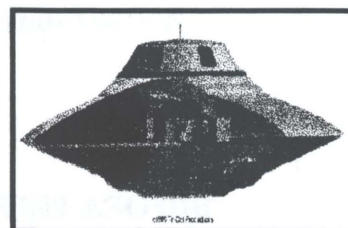
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Since Quest International released the NASA 'Smoking Gun' footage, where was the media hype ? No National newspapers have carried articles concerning this footage, no magazines and maybe a few smaller, local newspapers to the Yorkshire area, but where else ? There was a lot of hype before the release of the footage, yet the TV and radio did not even cover the release of the footage in March. Did Quest want too much money for the rights to show the footage (Surely this belonged to NASA as it was filmed by them and... Shown on a TV station produced by NASA ?) The 'Smoking Gun' footage, has turned out to be the 'Smouldering pea-shooter' and has not caused the sensation that Quest seemed to think that the footage was

going to cause. As for the further release of material, then we will have to hold our breathes... But not for too long or you may start turning blue... !!!

Less of this and more about the group... We have just come back from our Avebury trip on June the 24th and 25th and boy what a weekend. So far, no one has said they did not enjoy the very tiring weekend and that was good... This edition of the newsletter has full coverage of the weekend and we also have a number of stories to tell of encounters and personal encounters that happened to individuals within the group. This will be a yearly trip and for next years trip, I am starting to plan the date for the trip and also look at the hiring of mini buses and more



than likely, again, a 12 seater mini bus will be booked again. So, if you are interested, then let me know. More than likely, the date will be early - mid August 2001.

In this edition of the newsletter, your editor will be venting a bit and simmering on the edge. I feel it is about time I said what I thought of the state of current UFOlogy after reading one or two items recently in magazine, etc. (Don't worry Ernie, your safe... for the time being !).

So read on and enjoy and any comments, then please let me know as I am always trying to improve the newsletter and its contents. remember, the newsletter is for you - the group member.

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**A Letter from a Member...
Robert Fisher... Bristol...**

I am writing a report which I saw in the Wiltshire Gazette and Herald on the 24th February 2000. It could be connected to a local news programme (West Points) which said that a 33 foot hole has just appeared in Silbury Hill. The logical explanation was heavy rain that caused the subsidence in an old shaft dug there in 1776. However, subsidence does not work like that. It is not clean cut all the way down, square 8ft x 8ft hole 100ft deep. The new hole is 4 feet in diameter and it appeared on the 28th May. On Tuesday afternoon police cordoned it off. On Wednesday afternoon it was already capped with strong metal sheeting and closed to the public. There was not the slightest debris around the hole. The hole was clean cut in the turf and the earth and grass seemed to have evaporated ? Silbury Hill is solid and there are no chambers inside, so where has all the tons of soil and grass gone ? Driver Clive Stevens is seeking the truth believes the mysterious coloured lights he saw over Silbury Hill in the dead of night. He said the flashing lights formed the shape of a flattened oval rather like a flying saucer, and he is hoping other motorists might have spotted them and tell him what they were. Mr. Stevens 25 of Upper Isbury in Marlborough was driving home on the A4 past the Wagon and Horses pub in Beckhampton at 4 p.m. on Sunday when he saw the shimmering blue, green, white and red lights in the distance. As he drew nearer Silbury Hill, he could see the lights were on top of the mound itself. It looked like the helicopter landing pad on an oil rig with all its bright lights, said Mr. Stevens a consultant on water softening devices, who was returning home after dropping a friend in Chippenham. He said it was a clear night with a bright moon but he could not see people on top of the Hill just lights forming an oval, which he estimated was about two thirds the size of the hill top. On top of the hill was a whole pattern of lights in a traditional flying saucer shape. They were flashing white, red, green and blue. I could not tell if it was hovering or if it was stationary ontop of the hill. It really scared me because I was on my own there was no other traffic about and you hear these stories of alien abductions. Mr. Steven's a keen military historian said he doubted the lights could have come from a helicopter or aircraft. The landlord of the Wagon and Horses said his telephone went down at the weekend and BT said it was an external line fault. The National Trust said there were no gatherings on Silbury Hill that night. A crop circle has appeared at East Kennett, also Furze Hill near Lockeridge and another one in Bristol.

SUFOG Group Member Robert Fisher.

UFO's OVER SOUTHAMPTON....
EVERYONE DENIES THEY
WERE THERE !!!
ERNIE SEARS...

Seems as if the last item on what is currently going on around here was not good enough to reach the Southampton Daily Echo but thanks anyway. I Cannot but think the one penned herewith DOES deserve exposure although I have a disturbing feeling that the apparent world-wide clamp down... Western World anyway.. on recent NASA-films samples of which I've seen along with the SUFOG group and other items ongoing... is even going to reach the local press or public ! Hopefully I'm wrong ! But can't help recalling that X-Files series item that had it christened... aptly !... 'Deny Everything' ! Read on...

"What IS going on in the skies over
Southampton Water ?"

On Friday the 19th May the Southampton UFO Group (SUFOG) held another "skywatch" from the vantage point of the hill behind the Millhouse pub/restaurant in Grange Road, Netley Abbey, Southampton. Those present were Steve Gerrard, Steve Rider, Andy Phillips, Bill Smith and Bill's wife Jean making up the SUFOG contingent. Nothing drastic happened until around 10.30 p.m., (unlike the last skywatch) when a strong light was observed hovering over Southampton Water in the vicinity of Hythe. The groups camcorder equipment swung into action, filming an amazing six minute sequence of events that had very mysterious consequences, still ongoing.

The "light" moved around in various directions, sometimes staying absolutely still. The film shows a light aircraft of some kind, coming out from the Southampton Docks direction... or Southampton Airport ?.. and then circling the "light" a few times before flying back. The plane carried normal lights. The first light then began to move towards the docks.. still quite low in height... and then came to a stop over a group of trees... the plane by now had turn around and was coming back towards the "light" and passed directly over the light and carries on its way into the distance. The "light" appears to drop in height and disappeared behind the tree line on the waters-edge of Netley Abbey. Having

watched the film I thought the first light might have been a helicopter as it shone a strobe type light once or twice. However, UFO "history" has many reports of unmarked helicopters that everyone, but everyone, denies possessing !

Once I'd seen the film twice, I began to make enquiries of various authorities since the first light was "unidentified". Beginning with the Coastguard at Calshot, they soon gave me the answer that 'nothing was reported'.. not even an aircraft ! Onto Hythe Police Station... ditto ! They patched me through to Bitterne Police Station since that stands in for Netley Abbey ditto currently... I knew that anyway... they in turn put me through to Police Central Control who also had no reports of activity or aircraft and suggested, in any case, the police don't possess a helicopter, only a plane... which statement had repercussions concerning a previous incident observed by Netley residents ! However, from there I contacted Air Traffic Control... denial of anything they knew about. I then tried Air Sea Rescue at Lee on Solent... an affable sounding chap also said 'no reports' for that night but put me on to some kind of Special Air Service who apparently oversee incidents. Nothing to report but suggested it might have been a 'private' incident. I queried this and was told Southampton Water wasn't a "controlled area" and 'anyone could do anything over it'. The mind boggled at this.

Finally, and in some sort of desperation, I rang, via the telephone book, the MoD/RAF/USADA (!) at Hythe... I mean, how high can I go?... and a pleasant enough guy briefly discussed the incident... when I described it he said 'you are talking about a UFO, aren't you ?' I said 'yes, since it was so far "unidentified",' all I was trying to do was to get any answer ! Not surprisingly, in view of my recipients status and organisation, he said he couldn't answer that one anyway but put me onto another source which gave me the by then familiar rejoinder. By then I had come to a full stop ! Can you wonder ?

The intrepid skywatching group repeated their practice of going on, after the incident, to Netley Victoria Park where they had encounters of a different kind.... even more so than the first occasion when they had left the park rather

hurriedly ! If you are wondering what “spooks, ghost” etc have to do with UFO’s.. my friends, many researchers and actual “experiencers” have come around to the conclusion... backed up by notable professionals.. that “it” is all ONE that comes under the “umbrella” of what we call the paranormal.. an interdimensional area of science that Quantum Physics have made the paradigm leap into in the last decade.

Since I am just one who has had these experiences... still ongoing currently from the last sixty odd years or so.. I can go along with all this. By the way, those “ghostly” Park experiences were further added to over the May Bank Holiday when I casually mentioned them to one of the park’s tea rooms staff who I’ve known for many years, and who is aware of my interests, I got back a whole series of ghostly goings on over some years that some had UFO type details too. The same kind of incidents that my SUFOG colleagues have been reporting ! Plus the stinging proof of a whack on the bent over posterior of one of the staff-when she was alone in the tea-rooms ! Fortunately she is a lady who takes it all in her stride ! There was also that lighted candle phenomenon in the chapel top windows reported several times.

And... I, along with my driver... have again seen that huge reddish orange light over the Hamble area while driving, as before, down Hamble Lane to Netley.. my third sighting and her first ! Stunning ! Around, also, about the post 11.00 p.m. time. I’m still not convinced that it’s an emission from a Fawley refinery chimney stack in spite of the video I’ve seen taken by our group on a separate occasion. No answers from the oil refinery spokeswoman I contacted who seems to have difficulty in tracking down someone who knows the details !

Why, too, has it suddenly appeared recently after I’ve been traversing the same route most Sundays and such for some ten years or more at the same time ? Why have the Southampton UFO Group been able to film unidentified objects not less than four times in the last two months over the area ? Oh, yes... thanks to the Netley gentleman who rang in following those first Southampton Daily Echo articles claiming to have the answer to my sighting... it was, he was certain, the ‘BBC Balloon’.. the one they use to publicise their programmes.. as he’s seen it going over Netley at 10.30 p.m. when out with his dog. I rang the BBC unit and they ‘never fly it at night’ and ‘mostly it stays in the garage’.

Which brings me, us, to another question ! What DID he see, then ?

So... the mysteries continue.. if only because those who are, one way or the other, responsible to us, yet hide those responsibilities.

(Letter from Ernie Sears to the editor of the Southampton Daily Echo dated the 30th May 2000 - to date 20th June - no formal reply or appearance in letter column of the newspaper)

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A QUOTE FROM THE PAST...

General Nathan D. Twining Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff (1957 - 1960). As lieutenant General in charge of the Air Force Air Material Command at Wright-Field, Ohio, he reported in 1947 on his investigation of UFO sightings to date :

A : The phenomena reported is something real and not visionary or fictitious.

B : There are objects probably approximating the shape of a disc, of such appreciable size as to appear to be as large as man-made aircraft.

C : There is a possibility that some of the incidents may be caused by natural phenomena, such as meteors.

D : The reported operating characteristics such as extreme rates of climb, manoeuvrability (particularly in roll), and action which must be considered evasive when sighted or contacted by friendly aircraft and radar, lend belief to the possibility that some of the objects are controlled either manually, automatically, or remotely.

(Letter to the Commanding General of the U.S. Army Air Forces, September 23, 1947).

(This is the first of a regular section that will show, how opinions have changed since the 1940's to present day, and how these opinions have effect the course of UFOlogy since then).

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SOUTHAMPTON'S MYSTERIES
SOUTH OF THE ITCHEN...

Steve Rider.

Hello all you SUFOG members and web surfers... As you will all know as SUFOGs MIB and writer of the SUFOG web ghost web page, I have, for many years, had an interest in this subject, i.e. The Paranormal. So as a project I have decided to seek your help.

I would like anyone who has had a strange experience to contact me. By strange experience I mean a Ghost sighting, UFO experience, Out of Body experience, anything Out of the Ordinary really. I am initially looking for people who have had experiences in or around the following areas, Woolston, Bitterne, Sholing, Netley, Hamble, etc. Basically the area that lies between the Itchen and Hamble rivers, with the border being the main road running from Tesco's superstore, Bursledon Road, Six dials into the city centre.

What I hope to do is collect enough stories to possibly publish a book, which later may extend to books covering other areas of Southampton in detail.

Anyone reading this, who is worried about his or her name being in print, please do not worry. No story will be used or printed without permission. No names etc. will be used without permission. I have no problem with those people who wish their stories to be used either anonymously or with a pseudonym.

I will endeavour to contact everyone who submits a story to me and I will attempt to research all stories thoroughly.

Anyone wishing to submit a story to me can email me on truthquest2000@netscapeonline.co.uk or alternatively submit it through the web site and I will pick it up that way.. If you are not on the web, then post it to the editorial address of the newsletter and Steve G will gladly forward it on to me.

Thank you all and I look forward to hearing from you.

Steve Rider...

P.S. I will be posting some more of my own experiences on the SUFOG Web page very soon. This way you will be able to see that I have a genuine interest in this subject. I hope you enjoy reading them..

For those of you with access to the internet, I will publish Steve's internet information also through the newsletter, so that you can access his thoughts and inspirations, that may help you decide whether to contact about your experiences.

Steve G..

JUNE THE 24th - 25th MORE INSTALL
FOR OTHERS...

(From Brian James (BUFORA))

Rendlesham forest 2000 breaking news of fresh incident the rendezvous with veteran Rendlesham researcher and author of "Skycrash" occurred around 22.30. 3 of us from the Norwich group now joining with the usual suspects from the Ipswich and Colchester UFO groups in their usual monthly prowl through the trees-ground zero (Halt) across to GZ (Larry Warren) and nothing seemed odd until we hit the section of forest directly adjacent to the Warren version of the story where a farm sprinkler beat out a steady swishing in the darkening forest. All of us felt it - like walking into into a black hole where the trees obscured all remaining light and the atmosphere felt un naturally heavy. Several of us felt a distinct tightness around the abdomen accompanied by a mild nausea. Brenda Butler informed us that in this exact same spot she and a colleague had recently experienced significant time loss. My own feeling was that she could not be more correct. There was something in this forest that possessed a timeless quality in something far beyond the poetic definition. Certainly it would explain a great deal - whoever's story one chose to believe about the events of December 1980, but also, the presence of some kind of temporal anomaly here might help us understand some of the event more bizarre encounters people had reported here in much more recent times, such as entities emerging from trees and, balls of intelligent light and even an encounter with the happy-what's-his-

name goat-sucking-critter, whose name I could never pronounce. Due to commitments impending early on the Sunday morning we 3 from Norwich left shortly, before Midnight. It was a mistake. The following day I received a call from Brenda to inform us that things got serious about 12.40 and the following is an account in her own words of the events which followed on the night of June 24th/25th Saturday June 24th 2000 Between 3 p.m. and 4 a.m.

SUNDAY 25TH JUNE 2000 17 people attended the sky watch - but only 5 - Gena, Alan, Ann, Darren and Brenda - and Mason (the dog) remained present when objects were first seen. At 1.40 a.m. we were all sitting at forestry commission track 10 by the bar in front of the cars - the bar is across the gate way to stop cars going up the track - Darren had gone to the car to have a sleep so he missed the first ones 1.40 a.m. - Gena suddenly jumped up from her chair and shouted - what on earth is that - we all saw 3 stages of a orange orb, 1st - it was the size of a tennis ball, 2nd - the size of a large football, 3rd - it grew very large. It looked as though it was hidden one side behind a cloud - but it wasn't as it was well down under the clouds - it came up from the bottom of track 10 - and literally shot up the track as a small orb then when it changed to a big orb it stopped and very slowly went into the trees to the right - before this - there was a big white flash of light from behind and one in front of the orb and a little round light came away from it and went into the trees on the left hand side of the forest, then a bright beam of light came up the track - it was difficult to tell how far up the orb came towards us - as it came up so fast then suddenly stopped - it was as though it had been projected from something very fast.

-2-. We decided to go down the track and have a look - Ann woke Darren who was a little bit upset at having missed all of this. We all walked down the track including Mason. Halfway down the track Alan looked behind us, as we were trying to cover all sides, just in case. We saw some shape shifters coming behind us, glowing like little fairy lights. One minute they looked round, the next long. They were beautiful, they were on the track coming towards us. We stood what seemed like ages watching them, it was then 2 a.m. Gena did not see these. At 2.15 a.m. we saw in front of us up in the sky a triangle of lights, a perfect triangle - the sky

was very dark as earlier we had a lot of rain - we watched this for a while before moving off up the track that led to track 12. We were making for ground zero - but on going past the place where Carl Halts sighting was - Brenda saw a orange orb hanging over the trees in the exact spot of Halts sighting place (we had only been there earlier). Brenda and Gena wanted to go into the trees and look but the others wanted to go to ground zero - you could still see the orb up the path - this was at 2.30 a.m. The next thing that happened was really weird - Mason has stopped on several occasions along the path, one place was at Carl Halts sighting place - it was 2.40 a.m. - on the way to ground zero Mason suddenly stopped and would not go any further - then he suddenly shot backwards past all of us as though something had projected him - we all stopped but after a while carried on - we got to ground zero, it was beginning to rain but not too hard. We left after about 15 minutes to go back to the cars - on track 12 we cut through the woods to go past the deer pits but missed the turning - Gena, Alan and Ann were walking ahead - Brenda and Darren were a bit behind. When we all came out on track 10 again - in front of us Brenda saw 2 silver orbs about the size of a large football going in between the tree branches - they were beautiful Brenda told Darren but didn't know if he saw them - this was then 2.55 a.m. We got back to the car at 3.05 a.m. At 3.15 a.m. there was a beam of light coming down the track - it just faded out after about a minute - at 3.30 a.m. we saw red lights in the trees - a orange light and a white light on the tree branches - at 4 a.m. it was a lovely morning - we all left earlier in the evening - several of us went through a tunnel of trees off track 12 - this is where Brenda and an American woody lost 4 hours, 2 years ago - everyone found it to be very heavy going and a job to breath - it is quiet in there and very warm - there is something about that place that is not quite right - Mason also refused to go through there last year.

-3- Gena and Alan turned left towards Woodbridge when going home. Normally Brenda would have went that way but she turned right to go through the back way home - at 4.05 a.m. Brenda looked towards the forest and saw a ball of orange light hanging over the

trees - even though it was daylight it was quite distinctive. Brenda said to Mason as it started to move across the fields, what now - Brenda kept driving and the light just disappeared - about 2 miles up the road just before you get to the Wa Church sign - 4 deer jumped the bank and landed in front of Brenda's car - she did an emergency stop and nearly went into the bank. The deer just stood there really still - Brenda looked across the field and saw this orange ball beaming down lights and chasing 2 more deer. She does not remember any more only getting out of her car at home. It was 5.12 a.m. The 20 minutes journey had taken her one hour and 15 minutes (her neighbour can vouch for the time she got home). She thinks she woke him up as he looked out of his window - she went to bed as though in a trance and woke up at 10 a.m. very disorientated - her face and chest were burning up and her head itched so much - when she looked in the mirror her face was bright red so was her neck and chest. She had a mark over her left eye and a swelling above it - she was still very disorientated, this lasted all day and into Monday. Mason was also very quiet and did not want to go out and just wanted to sleep. Mason jumped around the car when the deer came over the bank and kept going from back to front - can't remember any more. Brenda showed her face, neck and chest to her son and daughter in law and asked them to take a photo - but they didn't have a film in the camera - Monday - my eyes are very red. Hope this all makes sense as I am writing this I am reliving what happened and my writing is getting quicker and quicker. When I got home a voice in my head kept repeating over and over again. We came to watch over the one's that are ours.. our children.

Brenda Butler 26.6.2000 - Brenda is the author of "Skycrash" - an account of the original Rendlesham Forest incident of 1980/81 on the following Monday night another of our crew reported an incident but has yet to submit a written account which I shall forward to you all as soon as I receive it.

Jac (Norwich UFO Group)

SUFOG DIARY - 2000..

17th August : Group Meeting.

21st September : Group Meeting.

23rd September : Sky Watch.

19th October : Group Meeting and AGM.

21st October : Group Open Day.

11th November : Sky Watch.

16th November : Group Meeting.

16th December : Christmas Meeting and Food.

Please contact the Editor before the above dates to confirm that the Sky Watch / Meeting are still going ahead. This is because Sky Watch's are likely to be cancelled / changed due to weather conditions, and other commitments that the editor is not aware of at the time of publication of the newsletter..



NEWSPAPER REVIEWS
BY ERNIE SEARS.

OK... after months, years, of trying to get Editor Steve to abandon the heading 'Ye Olde Newspaper Cuttings' I have given up (How does the new heading look then Ernie ?)... when, patently, the newspaper cuttings are right up to date ! 'Course, Steve may be an alien clone with no sense of humour at all ! Or I might ! (Sorry to disappoint - feet firmly on this earth Ernie - Steve G !).

The Daily Telegraph of unknown date has the music section heading of "Aliens sighted at the festival Hall".. UFO by the American composer Michael Daugherty is pure theatre, strange sounds, and percussionist Evelyn Glennie dressed up like a B movie alien representing the Roswell incident's strange shards, other weirdly costumed figures making more weird sounds from the boxes. Well, there you go. Culture reigns.

The Daily Telegraph also has an item on the fitness instructor whose yoga class has been banned by the church hall pastor on the grounds it is "opposed to Christianity".. while another such has banned organic tomatoes from its remit for the same reasons.. would you believe ? Connections with UFO's ? Of Course ! Think about it !

The Mail on Sunday, June 11th, ran a hefty three pager on Dr. Richard Wiseman's few days at allegedly haunted Hampton Court Palace along with 1000 others in order to 'prove', it says, to destroy the myth ! Wiseman, you'll know, is the professional sceptic of the paranormal. Tingling feelings, a mysterious bump in the night, a "blob", and a strange-metallic sound, etc, failed to register on Wiseman's specialist equipment set up so that was enough to cause him doubt.. if puzzlement ! I contacted the MAIL and offered Wiseman a night at Victoria Park ! So far nothing has been finalised as I am waiting for another experience from the group !

The Daily Star of June 13th came up with a fascinating article and photo taken by a pilot over the Mojave Desert which was largely completely ignored by the media here although a miracle happened when TV's THIS MORNING not only featured the pilot who hails from Norfolk, England, but the photo. 'No doubt it was a true UFO' said he firmly, pointing out that the photos were handed to the US Navy and were returned in three days with 'no comment' ! Odd, but not unique, eh ?

The Daily Mail of July 3rd featured a planned "whispering jet liner" that will carry one thousand passengers at 650 mph in the huge football pitch sized, bat-shaped craft, a model of which was displayed at the Farnborough Air Show in July. A

similar aircraft is being planned by NASA. Hmmm.. no alien technology there I shouldn't think ?

The Daily Mail was at it again on the 8th and 10th July with several pages on Life After Death and anecdotes of those who claim to have visited both Heaven and Hell.. all out of the body stuff which we KNOW exists and has links with abductions if one studies such... some abductees "see" their physical body left behind or in the location they left.

The Observer for July 16th carried a half page article on that old chestnut, "Life Out There but not as we know it".. by Science Editor Robin McKie and based on that SETI research, giving us pictures and theories about what "life" might look like, their reasoned and crap conclusion being that a weird amoeba via The Daleks, ET, that chest bursting alien from the ALIEN films. Sixties Carl Sagan reckoned on ET civilisations being two a penny and 'must be thousands, if not millions' of such, in our galaxy. One serious point is raised by evolutionist Stephen Jay Gould who says that an interplanetary travel capable society must first survive destruction when technology outstrips social or moral restraint, few such can ever emerge from such a crucial episode. A chilling thought.

British Gas... yeah !... had an advertising insert in one of my papers in late July... a coloured production that featured our old friend the crop formation in a field with a tractor moving across it... worth mentioning as it's another example of the effect such has had on our world culture. Probably a computer simulation that looks like neat cigar shapes side by side. (Actually Ernie, the advert showed a large radiator in a field...) Hope no one copies that or where will we be !

Southern Daily Echo carried my letter of enquiry for other witnesses on the 3rd July and out of that came a lady claiming several sightings... one very near in date and time to ours... and a possible abduction too. We are studying this.

The Daily Mail of the 20th July had an interesting Letters page on the massive crop formation they featured on the 14th with one writer suggesting : Clever pranksters ? Yes, and aliens ? No ! While a Mrs Derbidge from Salisbury claimed not to be a 'UFO fanatic but was fed up with illogical explanations on centuries of overwhelming evidence of alien evidence of alien life forms and suggesting it's time pressure was put on those in Government to keep the public informed'. While the MAIL Letters page had a big 'un from 'artistic' crop circle hoaxer Wil Russell from Andover who claimed to be one of last summers circle hoaxers paid by the Mail who doesn't seek to deceive the public (?) and claims 'transcendental experiences' in the making and allows extraterrestrial beings might make some formations. I can personally understand some of that... although it raises more questions than answers... he sums it up by concluding they make circles

'because we have to'.. Personally I can't say the Mail picture is "art" as I know it.. more Picasso than Canaletto !

Although an early book on Crop Formations I was treated to has brought me into line with some confirmatory theories... "Harbinger of World Change" by Aleck Bartholomew 1991.

Psychic News of July 15th dug up my name on a "synchronicity" article I did a couple of years ago and I hurriedly made the most of that and saw a half page on the recent SUFOG sightings and spooky stuff in PN on the 29th July... thanks ! They followed that up, August 5th, by another amazing huge re-print of an article on the Millennium and subsequent goings on that I sent them in February ! Still... don't knock it, eh ?

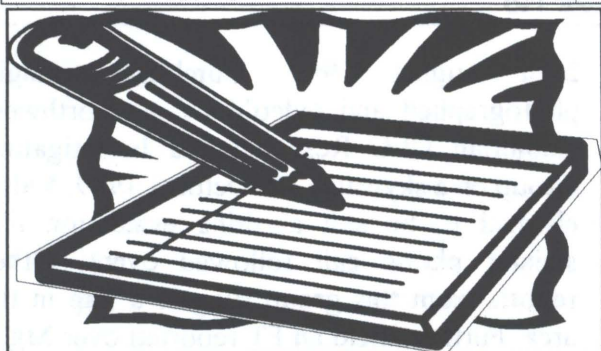
The Sunday Telegraph .. again !... of the 30th July has one of it's weekly articles, "Strange But True" by Fortean Times Editor Paul Sievekin, which I usually skip through since the magazine which is quite popular doesn't ever do much for UFOlogy unless it is tongue in the cheek.. if I'm wrong, apologies, Paul !... but the headlines and the up to date cartoons are always eye catching.. this one was ! "Invasions of balloons from outer space".. sub titles "UFO's". A July 18th BBC 2 Newsnight showed a wobbly object video'd on July 9th over Northwich, Cheshire.. is that the one we missed, Steve, and Davinia saw too late ? Whatever... Paul alludes to the Mexican UFO flap as 'fuelled by fuzzy home video's but allows that a small percentage of all UFO reports are unexplainable so far. The article includes some FT reports from Eastern France this year among other incidents in Italy and over Gloucestershire. That "balloons" are quite often mis-identified by observers for a while is correct.. but continued observation can sort out the differences by watching their manoeuvres for as long as it takes. the SUFOG video's, for instance, have such evidence on video.. ever seen a solo lighted "balloon" suddenly reverse direction before continuing on its original steady course ? Or watch two lagging far behind "balloons" flying in steady formation, suddenly accelerating to catch up with the main body ?

The Sunday Telegraph Magazine of the 6th August, as if to boost our Steve's flagging morale.. he doesn't believe that no news is good news... gave UFOlogy a whizzo article on multi-billionaire Joe Firmage who from his California and other bases intends to spend his millions (another Bill Gates it says) preparing humanity for an imminent alien

contact ! Joe believes that for 'thousands of years and more recently from Roswell' The US Government has been back engineering alien technology.. we can harness the energy that fills space he says.. well of course, hell ! healers and such have been doing that for years, mediums, channellers, you name it, they've done it, and how about that "energy" very visible at Avebury again this year ? Once we adopt this energy, says Joe, we will graduate to the realms of higher technology, when the aliens will make themselves totally known. Hmmm ! The moment when a lesser society advances itself to the higher it's contact ! The time is close he concludes. Well, much more... some of it controversial as a long letter and enclosures to Mr. Firmage I hopefully sent says ! Does he not realise what that technology does in the hands of mankind ? Does it solve world starvation ? World pollution ? Morals ditto ? Joe Firmage and Carl Sagan's widow are launching an entertainment's company in Los Angeles which 'will transform our understanding of cosmic phenomena' they say. Hmmm.. again ! Much more... copies available if you ask.. some have already gone out from yours truly to certain people. Firmage's web site is www.Firmage.org and is reputedly loaded with "secret" material including Majestic 12 and Roswell and 'other UFO crashes'. I can only suggest Firmage needs to watch his back, copper his bets, secure his finance which is considerable. Most if us have heard it all before. We do KNOW that 'it is the greatest event in all human history'. Go on, admit it, those who are at where we are !

The Daily Telegraph of July 13th has just appeared to top the pile... opportunistic !.. with an item of the FBI under attack for spying on e-mail using black boxes 'similar to those planned by MI5 in Britain's "e-snooping Bill" See ?'.

The Daily Telegraph for the 7th August completes this little lot... and I expect most papers cover the discovery of nine or ten.. depending which ... new planets and 'raising prospects that alien life may be found to exist' !!! 'Some might even be capable of supporting human colonists' astronomers say.



MAGAZINE REVIEWS
BY ERNIE SEARS.

Having wiped off the biggest review... UFO MAGAZINE... thinking what a good start I made the other day.. here goes again !

UFO Magazine as always, very well produced, and guess what, I loaned it out ! So hang on in there... we'll begin, shall we ? with.....

The Australian UFO Bulletin ... of the Victorian UFO Research Society... Victorian as in Victoria, down under.. and On the UFO Trail makes a smart opener with Paul Norman relating an impressive satellite photo with windows and infra red heat, 100 miles up off the State of Washington... looking for that White House lawn at last ? November '99 and why didn't the West know about it.. or did they ? More sightings from the past highlight the usefulness of a revised edition of Richard Hall's UFO Evidence due out currently. Magazine Editors had a go at plagiarism.. a minefield if you don't know about it or your morals aren't ! Permission sought and usually granted where credit given and such. Puerto Rico in the news again with 'frequent UFO activity' ! reported, including 'strange beings', two 'human looking' and one not. Much going on around and near the Arecibo Radio Observatory... one report in 1992 had a huge UFO and three smaller triangles who all suddenly vanished. A 1971 soil sample report dated 1998 very detailed, even after being kept all those years some amazing results from the scientific angle. Report from the Mutual UFO Network of Ohio... better known to most as MUFON. More on those enigmatic 1909 "airships".. hopefully not the newspaper hoax we have read about else-

where. Paul Norman investigating that Valentich apparent abduction... and further along.. Richard Haines and Paul have discovered new witnesses of the plane losing height and a large object carrying green lights following it down etc. Frederick Valentich's father Guido has passed away recently. More reports in a very well produced magazine publishing address : The Victorian UFO Research Society, Po Box 1043, Moorabbin, Victoria 3189, Australia.

OVNI in it's usual smart yellow jacket and cover design.. Omar Fowler's long running Journal of the Phenomenon Research association is always a treat to peruse. Sad news is that a very nice card from Omar says he is finding it a struggle with little help to keep it running but will probably go over to the web site revolution in October so we will just have to wait and see ! Odd "tunnel" shaped artefact from the 25,000 images that NASA let loose in June scrutinised by Richard Hoagland has produced some extraordinary photographs ... original on : www.enterprisemission.com/samp5.htm. Loved Richard Haines comments on an FT sighting on the 31st March 1999 in Warwickshire.. fractal geometry, manipulation, materialisation, non-focal perceptual effects.. is this why those of us at Avebury didn't perceive the same object.. did our brains analyse it differently ? More on that in the Ovni Letter Page. Flying saucers over the Caribbean article leads one to think the occupants phenomenon has gone back to the Adamski days ! The article comes from the Cuban Airlines In-flight magazine for Sept/Oct 1999. FT activity over Bradford in June of this year.. bright lights but no normal navigation lights.. see our own Avebury report ! try Omar Fowler at 94 The Circle, Sinfen, Derby, DE24 9H for all future events.

Northern UFO News is Jenny Randles particular well produced magazine and the Summer 2000 issue is just that... if late.. normal ! Jenny's Comment Editorial highlights the Steven Greer of CSETI forecast of mass release of THE TRUTH to the public and speculates if this is all another big hype that the Western media will ignore. Jenny also draws attention to the lack of books being published .. although I think this isn't strictly true... I have conflicting advice over my own manuscript which will have to undergo another transformation due to current events ! the epilogue is becoming book length ! A conspiracy, Jenny ? COURSE there is, thousands of us KNOW that ! Ask author Nick Redfern, still uncovering stuff ! Jenny's suggestion of an Abduction Investigation monitor (AIM) sounds enterprising but then many such all but

fall by the wayside for (a) lack of reports, and (b) investigator bias.. the two commitment ! after all, the ball isn't in OUR court, is it ? Jenny's review of group magazines always bear fruit... I read it all ! and thanks for the appreciation of my media coverage... limited as it is by finance although I have now acquired a co-operative newsagent into UFO's who scans all his stock daily ! Time permitting... thanks, Richard. Book reviews also enlightening... David Coomer's UFO's Investigators Guide, although apparently tongue in cheek, sounds just up my street due to the synchronicities ! Like many others, I could write a solely on synchs ! Jenny's known and accepted antipathy to hypnotic regression seeps through and although my own.. and others... are not sure if those "blank bits" twixt going and coming as being too traumatic I am leaving my options very open at present since our SUFOG group has acquired it's very own professional hypnotherapist, Sabena Roberts who sounds very understanding and is a percipient since childhood... whether that's a plus or minus remains to be seen. 1971 Australian 'three time the size of a Jumbo jet' sighting sounds deeply authentic. Over to the MoD ? notably a UFO hotspot historically Todmorden in Yorkshire gets a look back at a 1978 encounter. As the over worked phrase says... 'much much more' in the MUFON magazine... Jenny's trademark of tiny writing helps to pack it all in the pocket sized production and a controversial attitude.. accidental or not... makes her material good reading and more bits of the jigsaw fit ! From : 1 Hallstead Close, Dove Holes, Buxton, Derbyshire, SK17 8BS for all details.

Awareness magazine is the Journal of Contact International... this one for Spring 2000 so hope I am up to date... and notable items include a 2,000 ft crop formation arriving at Toot Baldon, Oxford, 20th July. Not sure how relevant "Toot" is but has very ancient sources. Porton Down exposed and mobile phone scares are maybe not UFO related but all knowledge ? Superb looking "flying saucer" Avro project projected to fly at 2,500 mph and almost invisible to radar etc never got off the ground in the 1950's. Rubbish reports.. since fighters were perusing UFO's in the 1960's and before going at impossible speeds ! Sighting reports in Awareness include an Azerbaijan film that made news in September 1999. A mobile glider enthusiast lost his controlling capabilities when a black sinister flying triangle appeared from a cloud and then silently moved back over Cambridgeshire

29th August 1999. Cumbrian triangle photographed and video'd by a Northwest Cumbrian UFO Research and Investigation Group on a skywatch 4th October 1999. Video claimed to be still awaiting evaluation and sinister phone call followed event. Other reports from this group suggest a flap in the area. Further afield an FT reported over Malta July 1999. Two USAF jets flew SLOWLY alongside the 'larger than two jumbo jets object until they vanished in the distance'. Some quite philosophical and in depth articles... reincarnation etc.. fill the rest of this interesting magazine obtainable from PO Box 23, Wheatley, Oxon, OX33 1FL, £9.00 for 4 issues, £14.00 for 8.

Southern Circular Research is a new one to me but edited by the well known Andy Thomas makes interesting reading and keeps you right up to date with this year formations... and yes, formations HAVE "picked up" since ! Their useful web site is :

www.cropcircleconnector.com/sc/sc.html . Make a note, good and very detailed articles therein the magazine.. Andy Thomas ' Galaxy Legacy' thought provoking and yes, Andy, Michael Glickman's hifi blasting out at 3 a.m... John Lee Hooker too, I booked HIM in my r'n b club running days in the sixties !... well, that sort has happened, IS STILL GOING ON, to me and acquaintances, even when the unit was unplugged once when my ex-wife was all on her own ! Taps turning on, et al. I normally just say, aloud OK, 'I know you are still about' and treat it as concentrating my "mind" subject ! Geoff Ambler on the crop phenomenon says 95% genuine (Strange that, tonight on BBC 1 - 9th August 2000, Colin Andrews said 85% were hoaxes - who should we believe - Steve G) and 5% hoaxed in 1999. Karen Douglas explores the link twixt shape and spirit and thereby confirms and adds to our knowledge of relationship and harmony... sorely required in today's material world. Subs and general enquiries to : 36 Graham Crescent, Mile Oak, Portslade, East Sussex, BN43 2YN, Tel : 01273 885117.

The Wiltshire Crop Circle Study Group presented it's fifth conference in July at Devizes and we have their informative and

interesting programme to review. Speakers and writers etc include Andy Thomas, Francine Blake, Jazz Rasool, Dr. Patrick Macmanaway, Rod Bearcloud Berry, Karen Douglas, DR. Nan Lu O.M.D, Marcus Allen, Thrity Engineer, Dr. Chet Snow and Andreas Korte, Ralph Jenkins, Amma Ra, Michael Glickman, Barbara Marciniak, along with music from didgeredoos, celtic harps, and a glance at all that will tell you how varied the conference was with full attention on the spiritual and philosophical etc side. Nice one.. and even the menu was good for you ! Took me back twenty years to my "oldest New Ager" and vegetarian role, remnants still remain but the waistline is bigger. No details of the group's subs if any but try me if you are stuck.. not even a web site therein !

UPRI Newsletter... the Ireland based magazine and group, issue two, an open minded and totally objective. it says.. organisation. Jack Shulman of NEXUS writes a six page article on Reverse Engineering Roswell. UFO. Technology that updates the late Corso's ~~stuff~~ and goes beyond the secrecy and technology into hyperspace almost ! Military activity in NorthWest Ireland might account for SOME reports with "new jets".. how CAN it ? Jets are jets, alien technology is ALIEN ! 'Irish Government is tight lipped on UFO issue'. So what's new then ? On that tack, NASA's "Smoking Gun".. or "Smokeless Gun" as UPRi says.. gets the heaveho and adds an explanation from UFO Magazine's Russel Callaghan, all of which doesn't give me time to include the details herewith as time is running out... ran out after 6 a.m. this morning when I lurched out of bed to finish it all ! An in depth from MY view next around..

UFO Magazine... "lost" earlier but regained from he who borrowed it !.. is up to it's usual high standard and has much on those implant removals, photos and corroboration from Dr. Leir which must show how complicated the whole enigma is no matter the ingenious fabrications of such as Philip J. Klass who has an article by Michael Lindemann and Eric Davis pointing out the error of that gentleman's ways ! UFO's abroad are getting the green light but here at home undiminished interest is turned aside with bland denials that haven't changed much in many years. Doesn't Tony Blair realise the advantages of a photo shoot arm in arm with a Nordic.. or maybe even a grey ? 'Major flap hits Lincolnshire' says UFO Magazine... sightings, abduction, and being "zapped" by Aliens ! Nick Pope writes on the Intruders

Foundation Conference of May 6th in New York. Metallic spheres seen over Wales. Phenomena exhibition mothballed until August upon the opening of the Sydney Olympic Games... Hmmm ! Those "rods" filmed over Japan now. Larry Warren updates Rendlesham. Good letters and Viewpoint pages and much more... truly !... in UFO Magazine's 83 pages. Next issue 31st August promises the Bilderberg Group low-down and an assessment on those "spheres" which are becoming more prevalent and in MY opinion tie in with much in those Betty Andreasson encounters as author Raymond Fowler relates. The magazine can be bought in good stationers shops or on subs from Quest Publications International LTD, Lloyds Bank Chambers, West Street, Ilkley, West Yorkshire, LS29 9DW.

Abduction Watch by Kevin McClure is last but not the least... usual diatribe against Jenny Randles and anyone who subscribes to abductions and with or without regression hypnotherapy... 'least, that's how it strikes me'. Hey, Kev, many alleged abductees... includes me !... encountered greys and such YEARS before they were even on the cover of sci-fi books if ever ! So please get off that soapbox of yours on that one ! Bit like the sleep paralysis explains it all sceptic who ignores the car driving etc ones ! Applies to the "talking stimulants" theory too which Kevin mentions in one of his throwaway paragraphs. Just as his dismissal of Jenny Randles 'root abduction experiences' coupled with that certain kinds of people have and link that up with 'prior to 1980 incredibly few accounts that certain people have' the latter by Kevin maltreated reasoning. Hey.. I can recall Mine in the 1930's NOW and nothing to do with hypnotherapy or reading books that tainted me and these were getting more prevalent and REAL although I still didn't relate them to abductions, just odd "dreams" although I was definitely awake ! Still, Kevin covers himself nicely with the admission that his conclusions are only temporary about his beliefs.

On that note I will close ... rushing to get this into Steve's hands as he sits here reading the rest of this lot !

Children in on the act..

My oldest son came back from a recent scout camp in Hertfordshire and out of the blue said 'Dad, I saw a crop circle whilst at camp'... He was able to describe the formation he had seen and with a little help of Paul Vigay's crop circle data base, we found the formation... Found on the 26th June, Nr Cuffley Railway Station... A large isosceles triangle approx. 150 feet containing an additional triangle and circle of standing crop... Well done Chris, pity you didn't have a camera to hand.. Still, keep up the good work...

Steve G...

SUFOG 1999/2000 AVEBURY VIDEO..

I am proud to say the group's video of these two monumental group trips is now available. This 3 hr video is £7.00 including postage etc. This is a nice pictorial image of the crop circle seasons and a look at the SUFOG group members in a more relaxed manor. Copies can be obtained via the editors address...

A Word or Two From The Editor... UFOLOGY - WHAT A MESS !!!!

Where do I start ? At the beginning I suppose .. Having recently read one or two magazines and hearing one or two things, UFOlogy in the UK is in a right mess (Politely !!). Having studied UFOlogy for over 20 years and forming the Southampton UFO Group in 1990/1, I think I am somewhat an expert to have my say (If there is such a thing as 'A UFO Expert ?'). How do I do it many have asked.. Devotion and help from others such as Steve Rider, Ernie Sears and Bill Smith for a start and support from other members in indirect ways. The real problem with UFOlogy is :

EGOTISM

EXCHANGE and CO-OPERATION

MONEY

EGOTISM : Many so-called researchers want to be 'The number one' in UFOlogy and everyone has to look up to them... If not, then they undermined the subject, groups and people to get their way.. Many groups have gone under this way or have been taken over.. The Southampton UFO Group has survived

because no one in the group is an egomaniac and help/support each other. UFOlogy has too many 'Want to be's' and these people should be rooted out like a piece of rotten wood. At present at least half a dozen names come to mind and UFOlogy does not want these type of people destroying the subject from within.

EXCHANGE and CO-OPERATION : Again, many groups and individuals play their cards close to their chest and don't want others getting hold of 'Their' information. Surely, the more information/exchanges groups have, the bigger the picture we create.. Many just want something for nothing and again, egotism plays a big part in this.

MONEY : Here is the main crux of the matter and here I sight 2 to researchers (A) Tim Good.. When do we read about his research.. not in any magazines etc, only when a 'NEW BOOK' hits the shelves... (B) Jenny Randles in the latest edition of NUFON No.184 wrote : 'Simply trying to earn enough money to keep afloat I'm afraid. The huge downturn in sales of books about UFOs and the paranormal has left me with a lot of work to do to pay the bills'.. I am sorry Jenny, but UFOlogy is not about sales of the next book to keep ones roof over ones head.. Again, we very rarely see Jenny's work published apart from her books. Jenny like others, publish books that go over and over the same old story, abduction and sighting and no wonder people don't buy UFO books any more. Recently, I sold all of my books published post 1980/5 due to the fact that they contained repeated cases and in fact, the Internet contains more interesting information and is more up-to- date. Yes, the Internet is destroying publishing material, but authors are doing the same by the material that they produce. UFOlogy is about getting of ones backside and getting out into the cold nights and observing the skies and actually taking an active part and not writing books just to make ends meet.

Sadly, you have read else where in the newsletter, that Omar Fowler is giving up the Ovni magazine in October and concentrating on the Internet... One question.. What about those Omar, that haven't got access to the Internet, how do they obtain the information that groups like ours print...

AVEBURY 2000 (24th - 25th June)**The Experiencers views..****DAVINA REYNOLDS...**

I would like to thank Steve Gerrard and all concerned for organising a brilliant trip to Avebury. For my part, it was a first visit to the stones and skywatch, in company with a great, friendly group from SUFOG.

Also a nice ride in the mini bus, with Steve Rider at the wheel and not forgetting Ernie, always a mind of information of things paranormal and alien.

On to Avebury and a visit to the stones, which I found very mysterious, especially being interested in Egyptology and found the 'sphinx' stone very fascinating.

The skywatch was something else (as you don't see so many stars, by just looking out of the window at night these days !), especially the shooting ones and not forgetting the satellites.

Also I wonder what the bright light was, that seemed to come over our way then vanish ?

The crop circles left me with a strange feeling that I wanted to return, hard to explain !

Maybe next year, I hope. So thanks once again Steve G.

Davina Reynolds.

SKYWATCH : SATURDAY 24th JUNE.**ADAM'S GRAVE, WILTSHIRE.**
UPN INVESTIGATIONS REPORT.

We (Elaine Waite, John Hanson and Dawn Holloway) arrived at the above location which overlooks East Field at approximately 11.30 p.m. We had observed earlier in the day that a large area of this land had been planted with rape seed and although next to a formation, which had appeared a few weeks prior, remained untouched. It was here that we decided to make to camp for the night in a cut out on the main road into Alton Barnes.

First we observed a white car which initially we thought contained two occupants. Later we discovered that the car was empty (after John shined a very powerful torch into it). We noted the registration just in case it was needed later.

We had been observing the field from the fence

for approximately three quarters of an hour when we heard voices, which we thought were coming from the field below is. Scanning the area with our high powered torch, we failed to find out where the voices were coming from.

A short while later now freezing from the feet upwards, we retired to sit in the car and watch out of the window. During the next hour or so we noticed several planes at altitude fly pass, about a dozen or more satellites pass over head, the odd shooting star, but no sign of anything extraterrestrial !

At approx. 12 : 40 and by this time extremely tired and cold, we witnessed something that I have personally never seen before - a huge fireball plummeting to earth over East Field. We all witnessed this ball of light with a tail approximately a mile in length lighting up the sky with lime green, yellow and red. It literally took our breath away as we scrambled for the video camera but within 10 seconds, it may have been less, there was nothing to be seen. The fireball must have been no more than a quarter of a mile away from us and for a brief second we all ducked and gasped in awe at the sight we witnessed. A shooting star would be quite an anticlimax after seeing this, but we did see the odd one or two afterwards.

At approximately 1.30 a.m. we decided to call it a night. John wanted to make his journey to Birmingham and I had left a sleeping husband in the car at the Barge Inn, probably wondering where I had got to.

So ET did not show up for our date, but we feel he did send us a message of apology by sending us something worth sitting up and waiting for.

This morning (Sunday 25th June) my husband and I checked East Field from the hill road just in case something had appeared, but it was just as we found it yesterday morning.

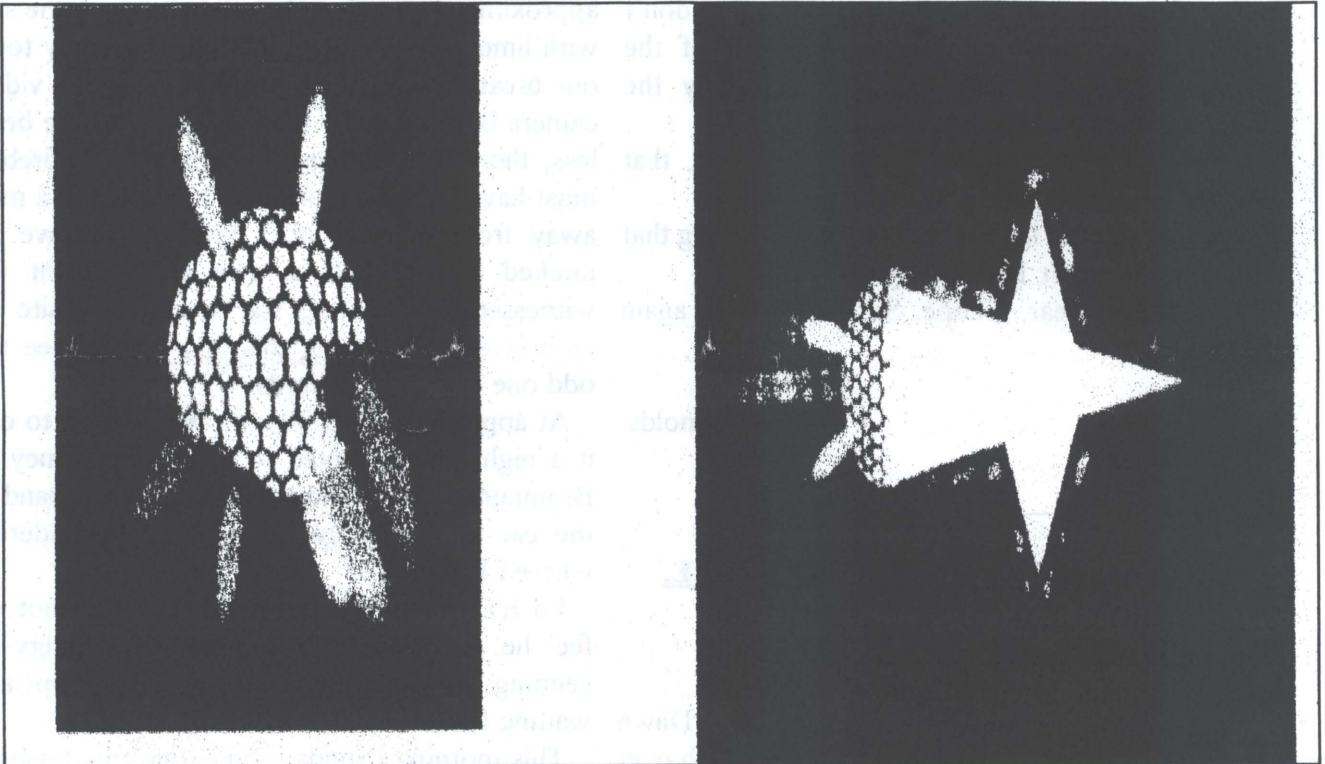
Unperturbed, we will be back in Wiltshire in a few weeks time and spend another late night sitting and watching and hoping that our persistence will pay off !

Reported by : Elaine Waite. UPN Investigations (London) 25th June 2000.

BRIAN JAMES (CHAIRMAN OF BUFORA) LETTER TO ERNIE SEARS 2.7.2000..

Good to hear from you, and to see you and the rest of the gang last Saturday - hope you've all thawed out by now ? I doubt if it could have been much colder if we'd been there on midwinter night, never mind midsummer ! James H and I thoroughly enjoyed the night, and James was mighty impressed at our apparent results in contacting 'the others'. What I found most odd was the visualisation that came through every time I tried to unconcentrate, and it occurred 6 or 7 times. I'll put a couple of impression's below, though they may not come out too well.

The thing was weird, a sort of curved shape, with a very clear defined 'honeycomb' structure, with white, pale yellow and green lights from within, the brighter one's shining beams through the surrounding cloud. The whole thing was rotating towards me, and when it turned fully, it was as see below right, with the curved section being the end of a longer conical object, which had very bright shinning 'wings'. Of course the light that appeared was identical in colour to what I'd just been seeing,



and James H was sure there was a cell structure inside ! Logic and instinct tells me it was an aircraft, but I don't think any of us could see navigation lights. As you say, not the same as last year, but not without merit !

Well Ernie, I'm getting in hand with my mail before hoping to get away for a week's holiday next Saturday, so I'll have to close for now. If I don't see you before, I'll see you at the BUFORA lecture in November - keep up the good work, mate.

Brian James (BUFORA Chairman).

ERNIE SEARS - AVEBURY WEEKEND**24th - 25th June 2000.**

Avebury on Saturday / Sunday 24th / 25th June was interesting.. a possible UFO stayed at a very respectable distance late on Saturday night which we kept thinking was a three star formation but it flashed a brilliant light just once so, and another very bright light which approached our 12 strong group and then dimmed as it whipped sideways. A walk around the Avebury stones at 1.00 a.m. was salutary to say the least... Bill Smith went whirling on several and came back with a stinking headache, my lady Lorna fell in love with a monolith that had cosmic acne on one side... her first Avebury visit... and had a splitting head on another... I got the usual tingles plus sitting on a flat stone being pushed backwards... Lorna sat with me and rocked backwards and forwards ... etc..

Sunday morning dawned and we'd all had a short but necessary kip in the wagon and we moved on to the car park next to Silbury Hill for barbecued burgers and sausages. Following this we took our turn making it up hill to the two big crop formations above the car park.. Jean, Mary, Lorna, Davinia and myself although I found myself taking the photos so you won't see me in any there. Oddly enough.. or maybe not.. we found the complete opposite feelings to Steve One and Steve Two with the first formation feeling different to the second although both were energy giving. Lorna laid out on one and got an immediate headache ! Davinia felt disorientated. Think Mary did too while Jean 'floated'. Me ? I dunno. Lots of energy about... certainly I bounded down the tramlines afterwards. Very satisfying experience and we met a father and son in one formation who displayed a thick album of formations they'd been to countrywide.. mostly photos but some postcards.

When we set off to places I can't identify (Devizes area), that the experts, Steve and Bill, etc... took us to. very interesting triple formation we didn't have the time to explore before we finally landed up at the Barge and chatted with various others before we set off around 1.30 p.m. and headed home. Think we dozed on the way home! Lorna went off to bed at 5.30 p.m. while I didn't seek mine until later.. caught up with the Saturday and Sunday papers, a two hour task, first of all.

Lorna and I usually spend Sunday evenings dancing to country music bands at a localish club but opted for a quiet evening later. Lorna phoned next morning and

related how she'd woken up at about 11.00 p.m. and gone into her lounge with a drink, to find a set of crystals rocking about on one window sill and some crystal suspensions rather like wind chimes swaying back and forth on two windows... no breeze etc anywhere. They stopped as she left the room to go back to bed. Nothing unusual... she was quite intrigued after initial apprehension ! Hasn't forgotten that weekend ! Aims to return to Avebury.. a feeling many get, especially after our experiences.

One thing I must mention... during the skywatch some of us had been watching a rather peculiar upright cigar-shaped cloud to the Northwest, extending from ground level up. I kept an eye on it and by 4.00 a.m. it had inclined over gradually and was by then almost level with the horizon. Strange ? Unusual ? Unless anyone knows differently. I won't try to relay all the jokes we heard... especially from Jamie... and in a family publication too !

One last thought ?

The strange thing that happened on this weekend still leaves me wondering. As you have already read in the newsletter (Page 16) an object was sighted during the skywatch. The object, was seen by Brian James, James Hill, Ernie Sears and Bill Smith (The only people to of brought the subject up independently of each other). The funny thing is, both myself and Steve Rider do not remember observing this particular UFO or object when the others saw it, and in fact, we do not remember seeing the object at all !!! So, why was it the chosen few... Last year, we had a UFO sighting at the same spot... The above people all saw the object... Steve Rider was fast asleep in the van with gut rot and me, I was looking the wrong way at the time and did not see the object. The chosen few or what !!! Still, there is always 2001... and who knows what will happen then.....

Steve Gerrard.....

IT'S A FUNNY OLD PLACE... **AVEBURY 2000..**

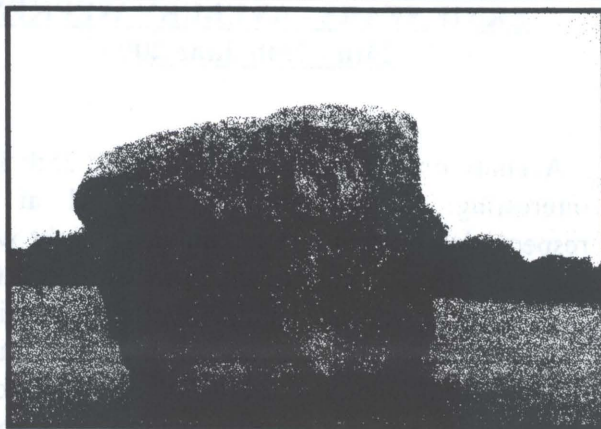
Funny old place... Avebury has a certain mysticism about it... Spooky, weird... Not really... As you walk around those ancient stones, a feeling of walking in the footsteps of those who created this marvel if mystic place... I suppose, if you haven't been to Avebury, then it is very difficult to understand the powers and the feelings that one feels. Avebury 2000 was, filled with expectation after the goings on of the 1999 expedition... What did we expect... new formations, UFO sightings, meeting those strange people who inhabit Avebury... We all had our expectations.. Mine... We had a couple of new people this year and I hoped that they would experience the Avebury feeling(s) and come away with 'THAT' feeling of enlightenment... I don't know... What follows is my own look back at this weekend 24th June - 25th June and to let those of you who couldn't come along or who have never been to Avebury, have an insight into Avebury and SUFOG...



An Avebury Side Street.
Photograph taken by Steve Gerrard.

Avebury 2000
Saturday 24th June - Sunday 25th June..

Bags packed, last minute checks and I was ready.. 9 a.m. just about right.. Steve Rider pulled up in our white chariot for the weekend (16 seater, air conditioned mini bus).. As we went around collecting the waifs and strays of the group, we filled the mini bus up.. We had manage to find the 8 others at 10.15 a.m. we set off into the overcast direction of Avebury. On our journey, we filled up with diesel and Steve got up to £19.99... £20.00.. failed... £20.01 !!



The Mystic Avebury Stones.
Photograph taken by Steve Rider.

On our way to The Barge at Alton Barnes, we spotted 3 crop circle formations, but only managed to stop at one (photographed and video'd).

Arriving at The Barge at 12.15 a.m. - great timing by Steve Rider... First pub stop of the weekend. After devouring Ham, Chips and Egg, we met up with Elaine Waite of UPN and researcher John Hanson from Birmingham. Staggering back to the mini bus at 14.00 hrs, we headed off towards Silbury Hill. We parked up on the main road near the West Kennett Longbarrow and part of the group went to investigate the formation. Myself, Steve Rider and Jamie went over to Silbury Hill and sneaked past the two sleeping security guards and observed from a distance the 2 formations in the adjoining field. We read the notice on Silbury Hill concerning the collapse of a 50 ft shaft that had appeared ontop of the hill. (We later found out that someone had fallen down the shaft a few days earlier and had to be rescued by the fire brigade)... We again filed into the minibus and headed to our next stop, Avebury.

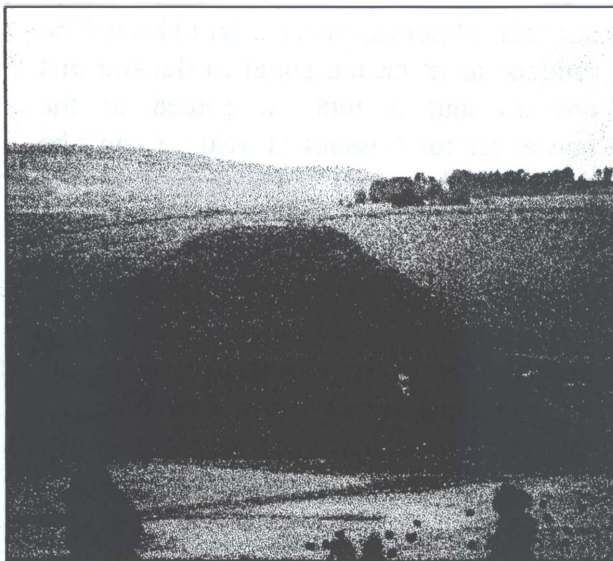
A fascinating, mystical place, where members of the group where to have their own personal experiences... From the Red Lion PH looking out towards the 1999 'Hoaxed' formation, you could still see the outline on the side of the hill. We all decided to do our own things, and Bill and I decided to go for a walk and see what we could find. Walking over the fields, we found ourselves opposite Silbury Hill and above it, with the formations in the fields adjoining Silbury to our right and the West

Kennett formation to our left. After taking video footage and photographs for some 30 minutes, I pulled out my compass and well, this is what happened. From our position, the West Kennett formation was due South, Avebury church was due North and the 2 formations in the field adjoining Silbury Hill were due West. Silbury Hill was 22 deg S/W. It was as if the formations had been planned and lined up on the compass points. One of the 'points' in one of the 2 formations next to Silbury Hill pointed 'Due East'....

At 7 p.m. we retired to the pub and by 8.30 p.m. we had emptied the pub with our jokes !!! We were joined by James Hill and Brian James (Chairman of BUFORA / APRA). We set up our observation point for the sky watch overlooking the same field as our 1999 trip and sat back and waited. We were joined a bit later on by Malcolm Robinson (SPI England / BUFORA), but he soon went on his merry way... At around 4.30 a.m., a loud chorus of a drunken bum close by broke the peaceful morning and we decided to pack up and get a couple of hours kip in the van... But honestly, it wasn't me who was snoring keeping the others awake... !!!

At 7.30 a.m., we headed to off to Silbury Hill car park and set up camp and breakfast, as Steve Rider now became cheif cook !!! We stuffed ourselves with burgers and sausages, but Bill Smith had gone missing... !! Had he fallen down the hole ontop of Silbury... Phew !!! the smell of food drew him back to the camp.. Steve Rider, Bill Smith and I decided to explore the 2 formations close to Silbury and took

our field equipment and test equipment with us.. Having checked out both formations, it was the turn of Ernie and the girls... The funny thing is, they all had 'funny' feelings, headaches,



Silbury Hill..
Photograph taken by S.Gerrard.

dizziness and feeling 'strange'.. As for me, Bill and Steve R, we felt nothing... Ernie Sears strikes again.. His magnetism drew the energies towards the group?... I dunno... We decided to go for a drive and headed towards Devizes and we found a couple more circles, photographed and video'd and eventually ended back at The Barge for lunch. Earlier, Ernie had said he had seen what he thought was some strange markings in the fields a little way down along the river. So, Me, Bill, and Steve R started walking... Some 20 - 25 minutes later, we found the marks, a tractor turning circle.. !!!

At around 2.30 p.m. we packed the van and headed off back home and I eventually arrived home at around 4 p.m. I must thank Steve Rider for booking the van, driving the van, being cheif cook and an all round great guy. If it wasn't for Steve, then the weekend would not of been the success it was. Also, thanks to everyone else that went on the weekend and made it such a memorable one...



The Avebury Stones..
Photograph taken by Bill Smith..

Steve Gerrard

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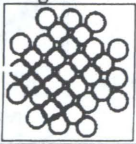
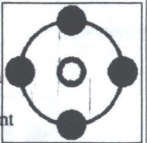


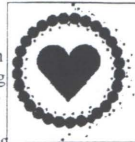
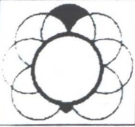
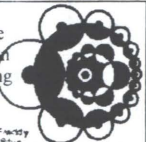
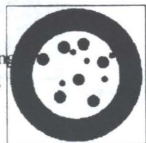
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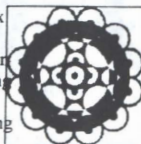
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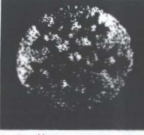
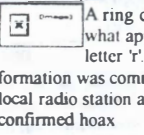
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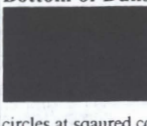
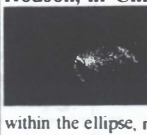
		Jul		A large circle with two smaller circles adjacent to it, resembling a 'teddy bear' head					
uk00ce	---	18th Jul	Strawberry Hill, West Lavington	Wiltshire	Wheat	SU 093616			
			Numerous rings approx 30' dia. each overlapping each other forming a parallelogram shape approx 250' dia.						
uk00ch	---	18th Jul	West Amesbury, nr Stonehenge	Wiltshire	Unknown	Unknown			
			A formation alongside the A303. A series of ever-increasing sized circles, resembling a 'thought bubble'						
uk00ci	---	8th Jul	Great Shelford, nr Cambridge	Cambridgeshire	Wheat	Unknown			
			1 large circle again below it large circle with outer ring plus two smaller circles to the top right & the top left of larger circle above						
uk00cj	---	19th Jul	Woodborough	Wiltshire	Unknown	Unknown			
				A ring containing three segments of standing crop and a central, smaller, ring					
uk00ck	---	19th Jul	Green Lane, Avebury	Wiltshire	Unknown	Unknown			
			A circle with a short curved path joining at a tangent. A small circle lays just off the end of the path						
uk00cl	---	19th Jul	White Hill, nr Lockeridge Dene	Wiltshire	Unknown	Unknown			
				A large ring containing three petal segments with alternating sections of standing crop in the centre					
uk00cm	---	19th Jul	Everleigh Ashes, nr Milton Lilbourne	Wiltshire	Unknown	Unknown			
				A celtic cross of a thin ring with four equidistant circles.					
			What makes this formation interesting is that it is centred around a neolithic round barrow, which effectively forms the fifth 'circle' in the						

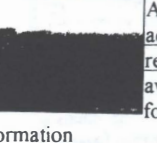
		Jul		A complex formation consisting of a large circle containing smaller circles with a 'heart' shaped centre					
uk00bv	---	15th Jul	Corhampton, nr Petersfield	Hampshire	Unknown	Unknown			
			Seven overlapping rings in a circular orientation, with an eighth ring overlapping them all in the centre.						
uk00bz	---	15th Jul	Bishops Sutton, nr New Alresford	Hampshire	Wheat	SU 602314			
				An elaborate formation consisting of 'scallop' semi-circles around a central ring and crescent.					
uk00ca	---	15th Jul	Picked Hill, nr Alton Priors	Wiltshire	Unknown	Unknown			
				A petalled design consisting of three partially overlapped circles with six 'petals', three long and three short in an alternating pattern.					
uk00cb	---	16th Jul	Avebury	Wiltshire	Unknown	SU 114702			
				A ring dissected into three by three curved 'petals' emanating from the centre. At the end of each petal there is a small circle on the outside of the ring.					
uk00cc	---	16th Jul	Old Shaw, Lockeridge	Wiltshire	Wheat	SU 128649			
				A wide ring containing standing crop. The inner, standing crop has seven small circles and 5 small grapeshot circles inside it.					
uk00cd	---	17th		Wiltshire	Unknown	Unknown			

uk00bq	---	6th Jul	Opposite Silbury Hill A circle with two smaller circles either side, forming a line of three circles 	Wiltshire	Wheat	SU 099684
uk00cf	7th Jul	18th Jul	Deacon Hill, nr Hitchin A circle with a triangular path around it. A single ring surrounds the whole formation	Hertfordshire	Wheat	TL 128295
uk00cg	7th Jul	18th Jul	Deacon Hill, nr Hitchin A circle with two curved paths bounding it on either side. Additional paths span either side of the formation and join at top and bottom. Two smaller circles lie just outside the top and bottom of the formation	Hertfordshire	Wheat	TL129302
uk00bs	---	9th Jul	Honey Street A ring containing a number of flattened circle segments and three small outer circles 	Wiltshire	Wheat	SU 098617
uk00bt	---	12th Jul	Adams Grave, nr Alton Barnes An elaborate 'basket weave' type formation. There are additionally nine smaller grapeshot circles arranged in two parallel lines off the main formation. 	Wiltshire	Unknown	Unknown
uk00bu	---	13th Jul	Avebury Avenue 1990's style dumbbell. This is probably part of formation uk00bv 	Wiltshire	Wheat	Unknown
uk00bv	---	13th Jul	Avebury Avenue 1990's style dumbbell with a half ring around one circle. More info ASAP 	Wiltshire	Wheat	Unknown
uk00bw	---	14th Jul	West Stowell, underneath Knap Hill A six petalled 'flower' type design. The farmer does not want visitors to this formation, so please respect his wishes 	Wiltshire	Wheat	SU 122634
uk00bx	---	15th		Wiltshire	Unknown	Unknown

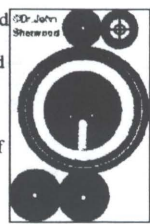
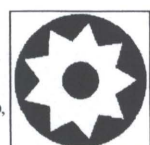
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uk00bl	---	1st Jul	Stephen's Castle Down Complex looking formation consisting of expanding circles. 	Hampshire	Oats	SU 560218
uk00bm	---	1st Jul	Milk Hill, nr Alton Barnes A complex six fold 'star' formation 	Wiltshire	Wheat	SU 103634
uk00bn	---	2nd Jul	East Kennet A very complex (and impressive looking) grid of squares. 1600 squares are formed giving the impression of a woven effect. 	Wiltshire	Unknown	SU 111676
uk00br	---	2nd Jul	Asthall, nr Burford Two single circles, one approx 80' dia. and the other 50' dia.	Oxfordshire	Wheat	SP 290118
uk00bo	---	5th Jul	Knowlton Rings This report appears to be just wind damage. However, the area is being monitored because it 'felt' right	Dorset	Unknown	Unknown
uk00dz	---	5th Jul	Hartlebury, nr Kiddminster Two single circles, one approx 40' dia. and the other approx 15' dia.	Herefordshire	Wheat	Unknown
uk00bp	---	6th Jul	Dartington A series of letters, forming the word 'COCK' - presumably indicating it's status as a hoax. The letters are approx 42' high and 4.6 wide. It appeared to be quite old when discovered	Devon	Barley	Unknown

uk00cu	---	23rd Jul	Uffington White Horse, nr Woolstone  Several circles of increasing diameter, resembling a 'speech bubble'. The largest circle of which has a number of diagonal paths inside it	Oxfordshire	Wheat	SU 301873
uk00cy	---	23rd Jul	Whitchurch, nr Bristol Four circles	Somerset	Unknown	Unknown
uk00cw	---	23rd Jul	Silbury Hill  A five-pointed star shaped formation, comprised of five smaller five pointed stars. Note that there is an error in the construction of one of the stars.	Wiltshire	Unknown	Unknown
uk00dh	---	23rd Jul	Chaffeymoor, nr Wincanton A simple circle approx 49' dia. The swirl is clockwise and the centre was quite impressive, showing layering	Devon	Wheat	Unknown
uk00cy	---	24th Jul	Potterne, nr Devizes  A ring containing what appears to be a letter 'r'. This formation was commissioned by a local radio station and is a confirmed hoax	Wiltshire	Wheat	Unknown
uk00cz	---	25th Jul	Bishop Cannings  Five overlapping rings, each appearing to 'go behind' the others. The 'top' ring has two curved paths bisecting it with a small flattened circle in the centre	Wiltshire	Wheat	Unknown
uk00da	---	25th Jul	North Down, Beckhampton  A flattened circle with an outer ring. Joining the centre circle with the ring are eleven curved paths, giving the overall impression of 'orange segments'	Wiltshire	Wheat	Unknown
uk00dl	---	28th		Bedfordshire	Wheat	Unknown

uk00cn	---	20th Jul	Blandford Forum An additional report is available for this formation Three large circles in the shape of a triangle centre.	Dorset	Barley	Unknown
uk00co	---	22nd Jul	Knoll Down, nr Avebury Trusloe  An additional report is available for this formation A series of intersecting radial lines from two centre points, resembling a 'rippling' effect	Wiltshire	Wheat	SU 079700
uk00cp	---	21st Jul	Bottom of Dunstable Downs  A double-ringed circle with four small grapeshot circles at squared corners of the outer ring.	Bedfordshire	Wheat	Unknown
uk00cx	---	22nd Jul	Denton, nr Newhaven Five circles forming an approximate semi-circular design, with the outer circles larger than the inner ones	East Sussex	Unknown	Unknown
uk00cq	---	23rd Jul	Hodson, nr Chiseldon  An ellipse within a ring, with two crescents within the ellipse, resembling an 'eye'. In the same field as formation uk00cr	Wiltshire	Wheat	Unknown
uk00cr	---	23rd Jul	Hodson, nr Chiseldon  A large, double-ringed formation. In the same field as formation uk00cq	Wiltshire	Wheat	Unknown
uk00cs	---	23rd Jul	West Tistead  An irregular series of paths giving a 'pastry cutter' effect.	Hampshire	Wheat	SU 678289
uk00ct	---	20th Jul	Telegraph Hill, Icknield Way A three sided pyramid with a circle in the centre, bounded by a ring on the outside	Bedfordshire	Wheat	Unknown

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uk00dg	---	1st Aug	Allington  An additional report is available for this formation. Another complex formation, based upon three and six fold geometry.	Wiltshire	Unknown	Unknown
uk00di	30th Jul	2nd Aug	Bishops Sutton  Six circle segments equally spaced around a central circle and ring	Hampshire	Wheat	SU 601314
uk00dm	---	3rd Aug	Giant's Grave, nr Oare  A triangular shaped formation based upon three sets of rings. There is another fatal error in the construction of this formation. One of the outer rings is completely flattened whereas the other two have curved paths joining them.	Wiltshire	Wheat	SU 162629
uk00dn	---	5th Aug	Cherhill  An additional report is available for this formation. An elaborate formation based upon 11 fold geometry.	Wiltshire	Barley	SU 162629
uk00dx	5th Aug	5th Aug	Farm World, Erddig, nr Wrexham A series of circular rings based on pentagonal geometry. commissioned by the UK television company Channel 4 and constructed by <u>The Circlemakers</u>	Clwyd, Wales	Wheat	Unknown
uk00do	7th Aug	7th		Wiltshire	Wheat	SU

		Jul	A six pointed star with six small satellite circles. One of the outer circles has an additional nearby circle with six small swirls.			
uk00db	---	29th Jul	Kennford Kenn, nr Exeter A 'traditional' style pictogram consisting of two circles joined by a path. Either side of the path are parallel bars and one circle has a ring around it. 	Devon	Unknown	Unknown
uk00dc	---	30th Jul	Rough Down, nr Marlborough A circle with two little 'tadpole' type curved paths leading from it and a third path with two semi-circles. 	Wiltshire	Unknown	SU 177709
uk00dd	---	30th Jul	Etchilhampton A single circle with a ring around it. 	Wiltshire	Wheat	Unknown
uk00de	---	30th Jul	Istead Rise, nr Gravesend A six pointed star type design. 	Kent	Wheat	Unknown
uk00df	---	30th Jul	Blackland (Morgan's Hill), nr Calne A formation comprising various circles divided by lines. The middle one seems to contain a celtic knot-work design. 	Wiltshire	Wheat	SU 018678
uk00dj	---	30th Jul	Dodworth, nr Barnsley A series of triangular shapes within a ring	South Yorkshire	Wheat	Unknown
uk00dk	---	30th Jul	Dodworth, nr Barnsley A ring with a series of intersecting curves outside it and a second ring enclosing the whole formation	South Yorkshire	Wheat	Unknown
uk00dv	---	30th Jul	Culver Down, nr Bembridge Two circles swirled clockwise. The large one is approx 60-70' dia. and the small one was approx 20' dia. The lay was rather messy	Isle of Wight	Wheat	Unknown
uk00du	---	31st Jul	nr Charminster A circle approx 36' dia with another circle nearby. More info to follow	Dorset	Unknown	S

		Aug	 A circle with a ring around it. A small ring with a standing pentagram is within part of the ring				057632
uk00dp	7th Aug	7th Aug	All Cannings  A ring with six semi-circular 'petals' around the outside and a miniature version of the whole formation within the inner ring.		Wiltshire	Unknown	SU 079623
uk00dq	7th Aug	7th Aug	Windmill Hill  A circle joined to a small circle dissected by two paths and a very thin ring. A larger central circle and a figure of eight pattern made this a very pleasing formation. A report on this formation is available on Dr Jonathan Sherwood's site.		Wiltshire	Barley	SU 088709
uk00dr	7th Aug	7th Aug	Beckhampton Two small circles joined by a curved path. In the same field as the 'magnetic field' formation (uk00co)		Wiltshire	Wheat	SU 074697
uk00ds	---	7th Aug	Charlton, south of Woodborough A circle with seven curved arms curving out from the centre, bounded by a wide ring.		Wiltshire	Unknown	Unknown
uk00dt	---	7th Aug	Pewsey (below the white horse) A circle with a ring around it. Outside that lies a thin ring with an additional circle in it. Three standing pentagonal star shapes are in the large circle. This formation appears to be a development of the one at Horton (uk00do).		Wiltshire	Unknown	Unknown
uk00dw	---	7th Aug	Charlton, south of Woodborough A circle with a ring around it		Wiltshire	Wheat	Unknown
uk00dy	8th Aug	8th Aug	All Cannings  A circle containing a nine pointed star of standing crop, containing a flattened circle in the centre. The flattened crop between the points contained an elaborate swirl		Wiltshire	Unknown	Unknown